

SINGLE SIGN-ON AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A single sign-on authentication system includes an authentication component that
5 determines whether a user is authenticated, and, if it is determined that the user is
authenticated, generates a connection request, the connection request including an
identifier and entitlement information. The system also includes an interface component
that receives the connection request from the authentication component. The interface
component compares the received identifier with an expected identifier. If they match,
10 the interface component makes the entitlement information available to a server
associated with the interface component. A method for enabling an authenticated user to
connect to a server in a computer network includes receiving a connection request for an
authenticated user, the connection request including an identifier and entitlement
information; comparing the received identifier with an expected identifier; and, if they
15 match, making the entitlement information available to the server.